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Julius Genachowski, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C.

re: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Before the Commission, in Docket No. 11-65, you have the opportunity to approve of a business merger that will tremendously benefit many communities throughout Nevada and the City of North Las Vegas. As the Mayor of this city I have personally investigated the positive effects of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger and have outlined them for you here today.

- 1. This merger will expand wireless broadband networks and improve existing networks. As a result of this merger, AT&T will expand their 4G network to cover 55 million more Americans than previously planned, bringing the total up to more than 300 million Americans.
- 2. The evolution of technology will benefit should you approve of this merger. The wireless industry in America is very innovative and expanding this state of the art broadband coverage to nearly the entire country will continue the trend of technological advancements and improvements. These advancements will be felt in nearly every household in Las Vegas and the United States.
- 3. The proposed merger also has the potential to spur economic development. AT&T has personally pledged to invest an additional \$8 billion into the industry to roll out a more expansive network. This will go a long way towards creating jobs and the network that is established will benefit many different industries and small businesses that are already in operation.

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This merger has the ability to connect nearly every American citizen to superfast and reliable broadband. Through this, AT&T will be creating jobs and investing in our economy. I see no truly worthy objection to this transaction, considering that it will benefit the City of North Las Vegas as well as hundreds of millions of Americans. Please keep these facts in mind when considering the matter before you.

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